(b) In 1983, applications were invited by Northern Railway for allotment of a chemist stall at New Delhi station, but no allotment was made as none of the applicants was found suitable.

(c) Medicines, toilet|cosmetic items, jams, squashes and items like Hor-lick, Bournvita and Ovaltine can be sold from chemist stalls.

Shortage of Platforms at Delhi Junction

3746. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be plea sed to state:

(a) what arrangements have been made for non-detention of the trains at the outer singalg due to shortage of vacant platforms at Delhi Railway Junction;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to increase in passenger traffic the Northern Railway has reported regularly to the Board for construction of more passenger platforms at Delhi Junction; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Necessary steps, inlcuding route relay interlocking, electrification, extension of platforms and augmentation of maintenance facilities have been taken.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Passenger Platforms at Railway Stations

3747. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alas* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Mi nister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of stations where new passenger platforms were constructed during the last three years, year-wise, in each Zonal Railways;

(b) the names of the stations where the goods | parcel platforms con verted into passenger platforms year-wise in each Zonal Railways during the same period; and

(c) the names of stations where metre-gauge platforms have bean converted into br,oad gauge platforms from July, 1984 to June, 1987 in each Zonal Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Passenger Amenities on National Highways

3748. SHRI ALAD ARUNA *alios* V. ARUNACHALAM Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstayed Question 1164 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April. 1987 and state:

(a) what sites earmarked and proposal received regarding setting up of passenger amenities on National Highways in the country and the names and addresses of the parties who have submitted the proposals and sites requested, party-wise; and

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have not received good response, if so. whether the date for the receipt of proposals have been extended, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Initially 52 offers were received from private parties for location of passenger amenities on National Highways. After initial screening, 39 parties

were asked to furnish additional details by 15th July, 1987. Replies from a number of parties are still awaited, who will be reminded for supply of requisite information. Thereafter all the proposals will be examined in more details to assess their viability. Thus it is not possible to give details of various parties at this stage.

Withdrawal of Nonrefundable Provi dent Fund by Teachers of Delhi University

3749. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) what are the norms laid down by the University of Delhi for the release of Non-refundable Provident Fund to the College teachers who have completed the minimum 15 years services;

(b) whether it is a fact that the teachers cannot withdraw non-re-fundable amount for the purchases of vehicle, after completing the services of fifteen years if so. what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATl KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to the information supplied by Delhi University provisions for part withdrawal of (Non-refundable) Provident Fund amount have been made in the College Retirement Benefit Rules on the lines of similar previsions in the Central Government Contributory Provident Fund Rules and the G.P.F. (Central Services) Rules.

(b) Delhi University have recently circulated copies of relevant orders entitling teachers to withdraw nonrefundable amount for the purchase

a vehicle to all the Delhi Colleges receiving maintenance grants from the UGC for implementation.

(c) Does not arise.

Expenditure incurred by Government for Bringing back art objects from Festival of India, USA

3750. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) what is the amount of expenditure incurred by Government on the travelling, boarding and lodging of the experts deputed to USA in 1985-86 to bring back the art objects displayed at the Festival of India, eating the expenditure, if any, on the liquor consumed by them;

(b) whether it is a fact that serious objections were raised by the Pay and Accounts Officer of the Department of Culture in respect of the sizeable expenditure incurred *on* items by the experts not approved by the Secretary's Screening Committee; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government for infractuous expenditure incurred by the experts deputed to USA and the circumstances under which it was footed hy Government?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Rs. 8,55,639.74.

No expenditure has been incurred on liquor consumed by these officials.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is under investigation.